Rhode Island Office of Energy Resources One Capitol Hill, 4th Floor Providence, RI 02908



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Dear Public Sector Entity Representative:

The Rhode Island Office of Energy Resources (OER), in cooperation with the Rhode Island Department of Administration (DOA) and its Division of Purchases, recently conducted a competitive auction process for natural gas supply. The awarded contract for non-exempt accounts with a 36-month duration has a firm fixed price (basis and commodity) of \$4.0250 per Dekatherm. The service start date will be November 1, 2016.

Six municipalities – Barrington, Bristol, East Providence, Lincoln, Narragansett and South Kingstown – joined the State and its public universities in this procurement event, thereby realizing price benefits associated with increased economies of scale.

The State remains interested in identifying other public sector entities that procure their natural gas supply from competitive market suppliers, and exploring opportunities to coordinate and integrate their demand into the supply contract noted above. Public sector entities are encouraged to compare their existing natural gas supply pricing and contract terms to the information listed above to see whether or not these terms are favorable.

If you are a state or local public sector entity interested in further discussion, please contact George Sfinarolakis (OER) at (401) 574-9101 or George-Sfinarolakis@energy.ri.gov with your name, title, contact information, and the name of the public sector entity that you represent.

Thank you for your consideration.